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THIS Morning Major Cuyler, First Aid de Camp to the Honourable General Howe, arrived with the following Letter from General Howe to Lord George Germain.

Camp at Newtown, Long Island, Sept. 3, 1776.

MY LORD,

ON the 22d of last Month, in the Morning, the British, with Colonel Donop's Corps of Chasseurs and Hessian Grenadiers, disembarked near Utrecht on Long Island without Opposition, the Whole being landed, with Forty Pieces of Cannon, in two Hours and a Half, under the Direction of Commodore Hotham; Lieutenant-General Clinton commanding the first Division of the Troops.

The Enemy had only small Parties on the Coast, who, upon the Approach of the Boats, retired to the woody Heights, commanding a principal Pass on the Road from Flat-bush to their Works at Brooklyn. Lord Cornwallis was immediately detached to Flat-bush with the Reserve, two Battalions of Light Infantry, and Colonel Donop's Corps, with Six Field Pieces, having Orders not to risk an Attack upon the Pass, if he should find it occupied; which proving to be the Case, his Lordship took Post in the Village, and the Army extended from the Ferry at the Narrows, through Utrecht and Gravesend, to the Village of Flat-Land.

On the 25th Lieutenant-General de Heister, with two Brigades of Hessians from Staten Island, joined the Army, leaving one Brigade of his Troops, a Detachment of the 14th Regiment from Virginia, some Convalescents and Recruits, under the Command of Lieutenant-Colonel Dalrymple, for the Security of that Island.

On the 26th Lieutenant-General de Heister took Post at Flat-bush, and in the Evening Lord Cornwallis with the British drew off to Flat-land: About Nine o'Clock the same Night the Van of the Army, commanded by Lieutenant General Clinton, consisting of the Light Dragoons and Brigade of Light Infantry, the Reserve, under the Command of Lord Cornwallis, excepting the 42d Regiment, which was posted to the Left of the Hessians, the First Brigade, and the 71st Regiment, with Fourteen Field-Pieces, began to move from Flat-land, across the Country through the new Lotts, to seize a Pass in the Heights, extending from East to West along the Middle of the Island, and about Three Miles from Bedford on the Road to Jamaica, in order to turn the Enemy's Left posted at Flat-bush.

General Clinton being arrived within Half a Mile of the Pass about Two Hours before Day-break, halted, and settled his Disposition for the Attack: One of his Patrols, falling in with a Patrol of the Enemy's Officers, took them; and the General learning from their Information that the Rebels had not occupied the Pass, detached a Battalion of Light Infantry to secure it, and, advancing with his Corps upon the First Appearance of Day, possessed himself of the Heights, with such a Disposition as must have ensured Success, had he found the Enemy in Force to oppose him.

The main Body of the Army, consisting of the Guards, 2d, 3d, and 5th Brigades, with 10 Field Pieces, led by Lord Percy, marched soon after General Clinton, and halted an Hour before Day in his Rear. This Column (the Country not admitting of two Columns of March) was followed by the 49th Regiment, with 4 medium Twelve-pounders, and the Baggage closed the Rear with a separate Guard.

As soon as these Corps had passed the Heights, they halted for the Soldiers to take a little Refreshment, after which the March was continued, and about Half an Hour past Eight o'Clock, having got to Bedford, in the Rear of the Enemy's Left, the Attack was commenced by the Light Infantry and Light Dragoons upon large Bodies of the Rebels, having Cannon, who were quitting the woody Heights beforementioned to return to their Lines, upon discovering the March of the Army; instead of which they were drove back, and the Army still moving on to gain the Enemy's Rear, the Grenadiers and 33d Regiment being in Front of the Column, soon approached within Musquet-Shot of the Enemies Lines at Brooklyn, from whence these Battalions, without regarding the Fire of Cannon and Small Arms upon them, pursued Numbers of the Rebels that were retiring from the Heights so close to their principal Redoubt, and with such Eagerness to attack it by Storm, that it required repeated Orders to prevail upon them to desist from the Attempt. Had they been permitted to go on, it is my Opinion they would have carried the Redoubt; but as it was apparent the Lines must have been ours at a very cheap Rate by regular Approaches, I would not risk the Loss that might have been sustained in the Assault, and ordered them back to a hollow Way, in the Front of the Works, out of the Reach of Musquetry.

Lieutenant General De Heister began soon after Day-break to cannonade the Enemy in his Front, and, upon the Approach of our Right, ordered Colonel Donop's Corps to advance to the Attack of the Hill, following himself at the Head of the Brigades. The Light Infantry about that Time having been reinforced by the Light Company, the Grenadier Company, and two other Companies of the Guards, who joined them with the greatest Activity and Spirit, had taken three Pieces of Cannon, and were warmly engaged with very superior Numbers in the Woods, when, on the Hessians advancing, the Enemy gave Way, and was entirely routed in that Quarter.

On the Left, Major General Grant, having the Fourth and Sixth Brigades, the 42d Regiment, and two Companies of New York Provincials, raised

raiſed by Governor Tryon in the Spring, advanced along the Coaſt with Ten Pieces of Cannon, to divert the Enemy's Attention from their Left. About Midnight he fell in-with their advanced Parties, and at Day-break with a large Corps, having Cannon, and advantageouſly poſted, with whom there was Skirmiſhing and a Cannonade for ſome Hours, until by the Firing at Brooklyn, the Rebels, ſuſpecting their Retreat would be cut off, made a Movement to their Right in order to ſecure it acroſs a Swamp and Creek, that covered the Right of their Works; but being met in their Way by a Part of of the 2d Grenadiers, who were ſoon after ſupported by the 71ſt. Regiment, and General Grant's Left coming up, they ſuffered conſiderably: Numbers of them however did get into the Moraſs, where many were ſuffocated or drowned.

The Force of the Enemy detached from the Lines where General Putnam commanded, was not leſs, from the beſt Accounts I have had, than 10,000 Men, who were under the Orders of Major General Sullivan, Brigadier Generals Lord Stirling and Udell, Their Loſs is computed to be about 3300 killed, wounded, Priſoners, and drowned; with five Field Pieces, and one Howitzer taken.——A Return of the Priſoners is incloſed.

On the Part of the King's Troops, five Officers, and Fifty-ſix non-commiſſioned Officers, and Rank and File killed; twelve Officers and 245 non-commiſſioned Officers, and Rank and File wounded: One Officer and twenty Grenadiers of the Marines taken by miſtaking the Enemy for the Heſſians.

The Heſſians had two Privates killd, three Officers, and Twenty-three Rank and File wounded. The Wounds are in general very ſlight. Lieutenant Colonel Monckton is ſhot through the Body, but there are the greateſt Hopes of his Recovery.

The Behaviour of both Officers and Soldiers, Britiſh and Heſſians, was highly to their Honour. More determined Courage and Steadineſs in Troops have never been experienced, or a greater Ardor to diſtinguiſh themſelves, as all thoſe who had an Opportunity have amply evinced by their Actions.

In the Evening of the 27th, the Army encamped in Front of the Enemy's Works. On the 28th, at Night, broke Ground 600 Yards diſtant from a Redoubt upon their Left, and on the 29th at Night the Rebels evacuated their Entrenchments, and Redhook, with the utmoſt Silence, and quitted Governor's Iſland the following Evening, leaving their Cannon and a Quantity of Stores, in all their Works. At Day-break on the 30th, their Flight was diſcovered, the Picquets of the Line took Poſſeſſion; and thoſe moſt advanced reached the Shore oppoſite to New York, as their Rear Guard was going over, and fired ſome Shot among them.

The Enemy is ſtill in Poſſeſſion of the Town and Iſland of New York, in Force, and making Demonſtration of oppoſing us in their Works on both Sides of King's Bridge.

The Inhabitants of this Iſland, many of whom had been forced into Rebellion, have all ſubmitted, and are ready to take the Oaths of Allegiance.

This Diſpatch will be delivered to your Lordſhip by Major Cuyler, my firſt Aid de Camp, who I truſt will be able to give your Lordſhip ſuch further Information as may be required.

I have the Honour to be, &c.

W. HOWE.

P. S. I have omitted to take Notice, in its proper Place, of a Movement made by the King's Ships, towards the Town, on the 27th, at Day-break, with a View of drawing off the Attention of the Enemy from our real Deſign, which, I believe, effectually anſwered the intended Purpoſe.

Return of Priſoners taken on Long Iſland, 27th Auguſt, 1776.

COMMISSIONED OFFICERS.

Three Generals.

Major-General Sulivan.
Brigadier-General Lord Sterling.
Brigadier-General Udell.

Three Colonels.

Penſilvania Rifle Regiment	—	—	1
Penſilvania Muſketeers	—	—	1
New Jerſey Militia	—	—	1

Four Lieutenant-Colonels.

Penſilvania Rifle Regiment	—	—	1
Penſilvania Militia	—	—	2
17th Continental Regiment	—	—	1

Three Majors.

Penſilvania Militia	—	—	1
17th Continental Regiment	—	—	1
22d Ditto	—	—	1

Eighteen Captains.

Penſilvania Rifle Regiment	—	—	2
Penſilvania Muſketeers	—	—	4
Penſilvania Militia	—	—	5
17th Continental Regiment	—	—	4
Train of Artillery	—	—	1
Maryland Provincials	—	—	2

Forty-three Lieutenants.

Provincial Rifle Regiment	—	—	11
Penſilvania Muſketeers	—	—	1
Penſilvania Militia	—	—	6
17th Continental Regiment	—	—	6
Delaware Battalion	—	—	2
1ſt Battalion New York Continental	—	—	5
11th Battalion Continental	—	—	1
New Jerſey Militia	—	—	1
1ſt Battalion Maryland Independents	—	—	2
Long-Iſland Militia	—	—	2
Train of Artillery	—	—	1
Maryland Provincials	—	—	5

Eleven Enſigns.

Penſilvania Muſqueteers	—	—	4
17th Continental Regiment	—	—	5
Maryland Provincials	—	—	2

STAFF.

Adjutant	—	—	1
Surgeons	—	—	3
Volunteers	—	—	2
Privates	—	—	1006
Total	—	—	1097

N. B. Nine Officers, and fifty-eight Privates, of the above, wounded.

Joſ. Loring, Commiſſary of Priſoners.

Return of Braſs and Iron Ordnance taken from the Enemy, in the Engagement on the 27th of Auguſt, 1776, and found in their different Redoubts on Long Iſland and Governor's Iſland.

Camp at Newtown, September 3, 1776.

BRASS ORDNANCE, taken in the Engagement 27th Auguſt, 1776. 1 Five-and-Half-Inch Howitzer; 4 Six-Pounders; 1 Three-Pounder. Total of Braſs Ordnance, 6.

IRON ORDNANCE, found in the different Forts on Long Iſland and Governor's Iſland. 6 Thirty-two-Pounders; 1 Twenty-four Pounder; 4 Eighteen-Pounders; 2 Twelve-Pounders; 2 Nine-Pounders; 8 Six-Pounders; 3 Three-Pounders. Total of Iron Ordnance, 26.

A Quantity of Shot, Shells, Ammunition, Intrenching Tools, Small Arms, a Number of Long Pikes,

Pikes, Ammunition Carts, and many other Articles not at present ascertained.

(Signed) W. HOWE,
Commander in Chief.

Return of the Killed, Wounded, and Missing, of the following Corps, August 27, 1776.

First Battalion of Light Infantry. 4 Rank and File, *killed.* 2 Serjeants, 1 Drummer, 21 Rank and File, *wounded.* 1 Rank and File, *missing.*

Second Ditto. 4 Rank and File, *killed.* 1 Captain, 2 Lieutenants, 1 Serjeant, 27 Rank and File, *wounded.*

3*d Ditto.* 3 Rank and File, *killed.* 6 Rank and File, *wounded.*

RESERVE.

1*st Battalion of Grenadiers.* 1 Rank and File, *killed.* 4 Rank and File, *wounded.*

2*d Ditto.* 2 Captains, 1 Serjeant, 9 Rank and File, *killed.* 1 Lieutenant-Colonel, 1 Captain, 3 Lieutenants, 1 Drummer, 32 Rank and File, *wounded.* 1 Lieutenant, 1 Serjeant, 20 Rank and File, *missing.*

3*d Ditto.* 1 Rank and File, *wounded.*

4*th Ditto.* 1 Rank and File, *killed.* 1 Serjeant, 11 Rank and File, *wounded.* 1 Rank and File, *missing.*

33*d Regiment.* 4 Rank and File, *wounded.*

42*d Regiment.* 1 Lieutenant, 9 Rank and File, *wounded.*

First Brigade.

4*th Regiment.* None *killed, wounded,* or *missing.*
15*th Ditto.* 2 Rank and File, *wounded.*
27*th Ditto.* None *killed, wounded,* or *missing.*
45*th Ditto.* Ditto.

Second Brigade.

5*th Regiment.* None *killed, wounded,* or *missing.*
28*th Ditto.* Ditto.
35*th Ditto.* Ditto.
49*th Ditto.* Ditto.

Third Brigade.

10*th Regiment.* None *killed, wounded,* or *missing.*
37*th Ditto.* 1 Rank and File *wounded.*
38*th Ditto.* 3 Rank and File *wounded.*
52*d Ditto.* 1 Rank and File *killed.* 7 Rank and File *wounded.* 1 Rank and File *missing.*

Fourth Brigade.

17*th Regiment.* 1 Captain, 2 Rank and File, *killed.* 1 Lieutenant, 1 Serjeant, 19 Rank and File, *wounded.*
40*th Ditto.* 1 Lieutenant-Colonel, 1 Rank and File *killed,* 5 Rank and File *wounded.*
46*th Ditto.* 4 Rank and File *wounded.*
55*th Ditto.* 1 Rank and File *killed.* 3 Rank and File *wounded.*

Fifth Brigade.

22*d Regiment.* 1 Rank and File *killed.* 1 Rank and File *wounded.*
43*d Ditto.* 1 Rank and File *killed.*
54*th* None *killed, wounded,* or *missing.*
63*d Ditto.* Ditto.

Sixth Brigade.

23*d Regiment.* 1 Serjeant, 6 Rank and File, *killed.* 1 Captain, 1 Serjeant, 26 Rank and File, *wounded.*
44*th Ditto.* 10 Rank and File, *killed.* 1 Lieutenant, 1 Serjeant, 17 Rank and File, *wounded.*
57*th Ditto.* 1 Rank and File, *killed.*
64*th Ditto.* None *killed, wounded,* or *missing.*

Seventh Brigade.

71*st Regiment.* 3 Rank and File, *killed.* 2 Serjeants, 9 Rank and File, *wounded.* 6 Rank and File, *missing.*

New York Companies. 4 Rank and File, *killed.* 2 Serjeants, 1 Drummer, 14 Rank and File, *wounded.*

Royal Artillery. 1 Lieutenant, 1 Serjeant, *killed.* 5 Rank and File, *wounded.*

TOTAL.

1 Lieutenant-Colonel, 3 Captains, 1 Lieutenant, 3 Serjeants, 53 Rank and File, *killed.* 1 Lieutenant-Colonel, 3 Captains, 8 Lieutenants, 11 Serjeants, 3 Drummers, 231 Rank and File, *wounded.* 1 Lieutenant, 1 Serjeant, 29 Rank and File, *missing.*

List of Officers killed, wounded, and missing.

KILLED,

Captain Sir Alexander Murray, 17*th Regiment.*
Lieutenant-Colonel Grant, 40*th Ditto.*
Captain Nelson, 52*d Ditto.*
Captain Logan, *2d Regiment Marines.*
Second Lieutenant Lovell, *Royal Artillery.*

WOUNDED,

Lieutenant Morgan, 17*th Regiment.*
Captain Grove, 23*d Ditto.*
Lieutenant Crammond, 42*d Ditto.*
Lieutenant Mair, 43*d Ditto.*
Lieutenant Weir, of *Ditto.*
Captain Brown, 44*th Ditto.*
Captain Kennedy, of *Ditto.*
Lieutenant Brown, of *Ditto.*
Lieutenant-Colonel Monckton, 45*th Ditto.*
Lieutenant Powell, 49*th Ditto.*
Lieutenant Addison, 52*d Ditto.*
Lieutenant Nugent, 1*st Regiment Marines.*

MISSING.

Lieutenant Ragg, 2d Regiment Marines, *Prisoner.*

Hessian Troops. 2 Rank and File *killed*; 23 Rank and File *wounded.*

Major Paoli, Captain O'Reilly, Lieutenant Donop, *wounded.*

W. HOWE,
Commander in Chief.

Admiralty-Office, October 10, 1776.

Extract of a Letter from Lord Viscount Howe, Vice-Admiral of the White, and Commander in Chief of His Majesty's Ships and Vessels in North America, to Mr. Stephens, dated on Board the Eagle, off Bedlow's Island, New York, the 31*st of August,* 1776.

ON the 19th Instant, Captain Parker in the Phœnix, with the Rose, Captain Wallace, and Tryal Armed Schooner, Lieutenant Brown, taking Advantage of a fresh Easterly Wind, returned from the North River through the Fire from the Enemy's several Batteries, and joined the Fleet off Staten Island without any Loss.

The Spirit and Perseverance of this small Squadron will be explained to their Lordships by Captain Parker's Journal.

General Howe giving me Notice of his Intention to make a Descent in Gravesend Bay on Long Island, on the Morning of the 22d the necessary Disposition was made, and seventy-five Flat Boats, with eleven Batteaux and two Gallies, built for the Occasion, were prepared for that Service.

The Command of the whole remained with Commodore Hotham. The Captains Parker, Wallace, and Dickson, in the Phœnix, Rose, and Greyhound, with the Thunder and Carcass Bombs, under the Direction of Colonel James, were appointed to cover the Landing.

The Flat Boats, Gallies, and Three Batteaux, manned from the Ships of War, were formed into

Divisions